**Explore with the Spanish Conquistadors to Florida!**

Today students will learn about the lives of two important Spanish conquistadors, Panfilo de Narvaez and Hernando de Soto and the struggles they went through and impact they have on Florida today.

Let’s get to know a little about them. Fill in the blank. Read along. (Listening Comprehension)

**Panfilo de Narvaez-**

* He was born around 1478 in Valldolid, Spain
* He was in the military service as a young man.
* Narvaez was given a contract by Charles V to settle Florida in 1526. He provided the money for his own expedition to the New World. Since he did so, he was able to secure power over some territory and the wealth it gave to the discovery.
* Narvaez had a reputation for being cruel and stupid.
* He arrived in present-day Tampa Bay in May 1528 with 400 men and. Once landing, two days later, he took 40 other soldiers to explore on the land and search for food. They came across small native villages and discovered a small amount of gold at one village. The soldiers, along with Narvaez, became excited at the idea of finding more riches. Once the natives told them they would get lucky to find food and gold further north in a place called Apalachee, they decided to go along with it. Narvaez had 300 men from the crew go and venture inland with him while the ships sailed along the coast to meet up with them later.
* Once they began the journey north to find wealth, they began rationing on their food supply and were suffering from hunger. Eventually, they found a village that would cater to their hunger needs, thus giving them energy to continue their journey. They captured some villagers to use as guides to travel north to the area of Apalachee.
* They finally reached the panhandle of Florida by July. Once arriving there they were scared off by the native Indians by attack. When they reached the coast, they decided to build boats out of the materials they had and tools they made. Many men had died from sickness, earlier wounds, and attacks by the Indians. They sailed in their boats with 50 men in each, too crowded to move.
* Narvaez supposedly drowned in November 1528 when his boat was swept out to sea along with some of the other boats that got separated in the harsh waves and weather. Cabeza de Vaca managed to reach present-day Texas and come across more peaceful Indians who fed them, but used them as slaves.
* Eventually, Cabeza de Vaca, along with some other Spanish men from the journey, made it to Mexico. Their painful journey ended in 1536 when they came across more Spanish soldiers. There were only four survivors from the journey and they all continued for another 1,000 miles to reach Mexico City. Cabeza finally reached Spain in 1537 and wrote his survival story called “Relacion”.

**Hernando de Soto-**

* De Soto was born in Southwestern Spain around 1496. He came from nobility, but poor family lifestyle.
* In 1524, he helped in the conquest of Nicaragua and helped rule the region. In 1531, he joined Francisco Pizzaro in conquering Peru. He later returned in 1536 as a wealthy man.
* De Soto was made governor and captain-general of Cuba and Florida by King Charles V of Spain. In May 1539, he sailed to Florida accompanied by 600 soldiers. De Soto also landed at Tampa Bay, like his predecessor Narvaez.
* De Soto decided to take his soldiers and explore the northern states above Florida, such as Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas. He discovered the Mississippi River on May 8, 1541.
* DeSoto became sick and retreated in his plans of finding wealth. He later died on May 21, 1542 and was buried in the Mississippi River.

**Vocabulary**

* Expedition – a trip or journey
* Conquer – to gain or obtain by force
* Conquest – process of conquering
* Accompanied – to go along with as a companion or guest
* Predecessor – person who held the position before the current holder
* Contract – a binding agreement between two or more people
* Venture – to undertake the danger and risk of taking action
* Nobility – possessing high, excellent qualities; grand, impressive
* Retreated – withdrawing from what is dangerous, difficult, or disagreeable

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**Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Directions: Fill in the blanks as you listen along to the reader read several passages about two Spanish conquistadors who settled present-day Florida.**

**Panfilo de Narvaez and his journey to the New World**

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**Explorer’s Journal – 5W Chart**

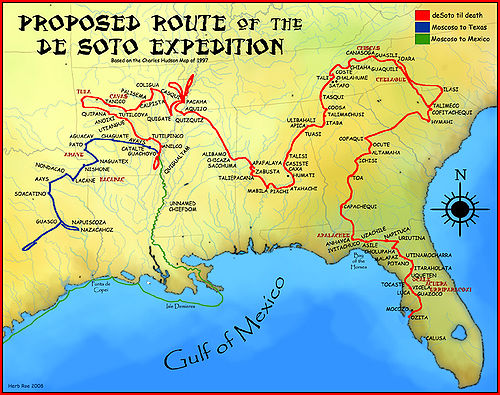
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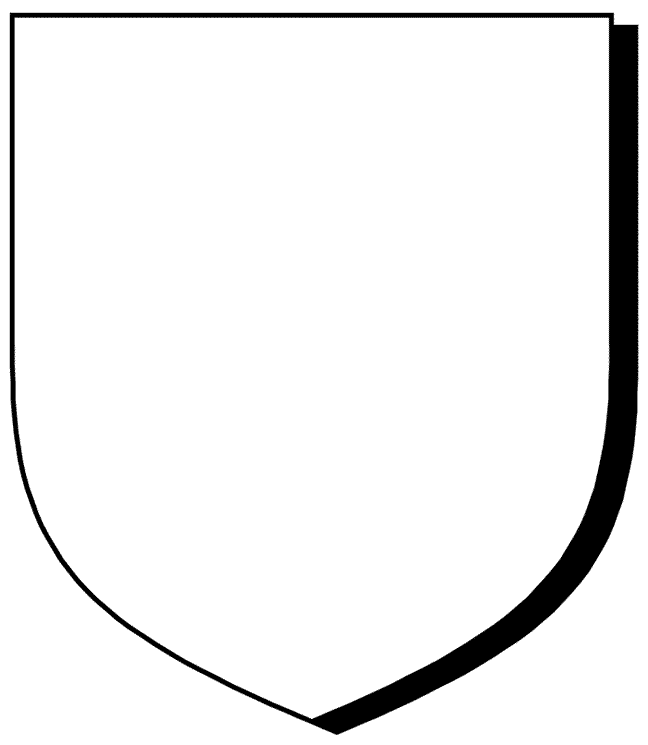
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[](http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/2/23/Expedition_Cabeza_de_Vaca_Karte.png)Narvaez’s expedition

[](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:DeSoto_Map_HRoe_2008.jpg)De Soto’s expedition  
**Activity – Coat of Arms**

**Directions:** Design your own coat of arms. Using the attached sheet, look for colors and symbols that you want to display to describe your personality.



<http://www.nps.gov/timu/forteachers/create_coat.htm>

<http://www.heraldry.ca/kids_en/heraldry_make_shield.htm>